

Overview and services provided by the Montana Historical Society



The **Museum Store** offers gifts, prints and canvases, books, souvenirs, and many other products representing the history of Montana and the West including reproductions from the collections of the Montana Historical Society. Please take a look at our On-line Shopping Cart at www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/departments/store for additional products. You can call us toll-free at **1-800-243-9900** or email us at mhsmuseumstore.mt.gov for more information.

To find out more about the Montana Historical Society and the additional services we offer please go to our website www.montanahistoricalsociety.org

Montana's Museum

The Museum Program collects fine art, and historical, archeological, and ethnological artifacts that pertain to Montana and its adjoining geographic region. The Society produces in-house and traveling exhibits and provides technical assistance to other museums, historical societies, and community organizations. The Museum operates the Original Governor's Mansion as an historic site open to the public.

- **Education** – Educational programs include: tours of the museum, Original Governor's Mansion and the Capitol; school resources for the classroom; conferences and workshops; hands-on activities and other public programs.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – You can join our team of more than 100 dedicated volunteers. All you need is a love and passion for history, and the time to enjoy it with others who want to help advance our mission! Contact the volunteer coordinator at 406-444-9553.

Publications

The Publications Program at the Montana Historical Society is designed to preserve, publish, and promote interest in the history of Montana and the West.

- **Montana The Magazine of Western History** – Published by the Montana Historical Society since 1951.
- **Montana Historical Society Press (MHS Press)** – MHS Press books are designed to promote understanding of and discussion about Montana's social, political and cultural developments.

Research Center

The Research Center consists of the library, archives and photograph archives and maintains two reference rooms from which the public can access the collections.

- **Library** – collects books, maps, pamphlets, government documents, and other materials that document the history of Montana and the west.
- **Archives** – collects government records and private manuscripts including diaries, letters, and business records, and the official records of the state government and legislature. The archives also maintains an oral history program that actively collects and creates oral histories.
- **Photograph Archives** – the collection contains images of prominent persons, events, cities, towns, geographical features, and agricultural and industrial developments in Montana and in adjoining states; and represents the work of many regional photographers.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

SHPO works together with all Montanans to promote and facilitate the preservation of our state's historic, archaeological, and traditional cultural places. They help people across the state to identify, document, recognize, preserve and protect the heritage properties of Montana. SHPO maintains the National Register of Historic Places for Montana, assists owners in obtaining commercial historic building rehabilitation tax credits, reviews state and federal projects to help seek ways to lessen their potential impacts on heritage properties, and supports a network of local preservation offices in fifteen communities across the state.

Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission

The Commission is responsible for coordinating and promoting the observance of Montana's bicentennial commemoration and the importance of the roles played by Montana's Indian people. The Commission's website, www.montanalewisandclark.org provides historical information on the full scope of the Bicentennial Commission's activities.

Montana Heritage Project

The Montana Heritage Project is a student/teacher/community education project that encourages high school students to compare and contrast life in their communities in the past with life there today. The Montana Heritage Project was established in 1995 through the leadership and financial support of the Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation, and the institutional commitment of the Library of Congress.

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This Bronze Plaque (29" wide x 14" high) is a scale replica of a monumental bas-relief mural (16' wide x 7' high) commissioned in 2004 for the Senate Chamber in the Montana State Capitol by the Montana Historical Society in cooperation with the Montana State senate and the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. Crafted by nationally celebrated sculptor Eugene Daub, it depicts the intrepid explorers at daybreak as they prepare to re-embark on their upriver journey through Montana's famed Missouri Breaks. Sacajawea stands proudly in the center of the scene while the resolute captains labor nearby; Clark's journal and Lewis' sextant symbolize the Corps' unparalleled feats of exploration as well as its lasting legacy in the fields of botany, zoology, geology, and ethnology. **The accompanying medallion** (approx. 3") was drawn from the lower border of the mural. The obverse of the medallion features head-and-shoulder portraits of the two captains, while the reverse commemorates the Treasure State's natural history and diverse cultural heritage through its depiction of an American Bison. Both items are being sold—in limited editions—to fund the creation and installation of the monumental mural in the state capitol.



Plaques (29" wide x 14" high) – 75 limited edition numbered bronze replicas, mounted for home or office display come with a certificate of authenticity – \$3,500.00 each

Medallions (approx. 3") – limited edition bronze medallions come in a gift box with an attractive wooden stand, and a certificate of authenticity – \$80.00 each

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